AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) An antimicrobial composition comprising:

tetravalent metal phosphate-based antimicrobial particles represented by Formula (1); and inorganic compound particles having a Mohs hardness of equal to or less than 6;

the maximum particle size of these particles being substantially equal to or less than 10

 $Ag_aQ_bM_2$ (PO₄) 3·nH₂O (1)

μm

(in the formula, Q denotes at least one type of ion selected from the group consisting of an alkali metal ion, an alkaline earth metal ion, ammonium ion, and hydrogen ion, M is a tetravalent metal ion, \underline{n} is a number satisfying $0 \le n \le 6$, \underline{a} and \underline{b} are both positive numbers, \underline{m} is the valence of Q, and a + mb = 1).

- 2. (Original) The antimicrobial composition according to Claim 1, wherein the tetravalent metal phosphate-based antimicrobial particles and the inorganic compound particles have an average particle size of 0.1 to $5 \mu m$.
- 3. (Original) The antimicrobial composition according to Claim 1, wherein the average particle size of the inorganic compound particles is smaller than the average particle size of the tetravalent metal phosphate-based antimicrobial particles.

- 4. (Original) The antimicrobial composition according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic compound particles are anatase titanium dioxide having no photocatalytic activity.
- 5. (Original) The antimicrobial composition according to Claim 1, wherein the mixing ratio of the tetravalent metal phosphate-based antimicrobial particles and the inorganic compound particles is 95:5 to 10:90.
- 6. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial product comprising the antimicrobial composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 5.
- 7. (Currently Amended) <u>AnThe</u> antimicrobial product <u>comprising the antimicrobial</u> <u>composition</u> according to Claim <u>2.6</u>, wherein the antimicrobial product is an antimicrobial fiber or an antimicrobial film.
- 8. (New) An antimicrobial product comprising the antimicrobial composition according to Claim 3.
- 9. (New) An antimicrobial product comprising the antimicrobial composition according to Claim 4.
- 10. (New) An antimicrobial product comprising the antimicrobial composition according to Claim 5.

- 11. (New) The antimicrobial product according to Claim 6, wherein the antimicrobial product is an antimicrobial fiber or an antimicrobial film.
- 12. (New) The antimicrobial product according to Claim 7, wherein the antimicrobial product is an antimicrobial fiber or an antimicrobial film.
- 13. (New) The antimicrobial product according to Claim 8, wherein the antimicrobial product is an antimicrobial film.
- 14. (New) The antimicrobial product according to Claim 9, wherein the antimicrobial product is an antimicrobial film.
- 15. (New) The antimicrobial product according to Claim 10, wherein the antimicrobial product is an antimicrobial fiber or an antimicrobial film.